

REMARKS

The allowance of claims 4-20 is gratefully acknowledged. By the present amendment, claims 1-3 have been cancelled, and claim 5 has been rewritten in independent form.


Also by the present amendment, the blanks on page 1 of the specification have been filled in with serial numbers. A brief description of the drawings appears on pages 26 and 27 of the specification, and pages 27-33 of the specification refer to figure numbers and reference characters.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. An early notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0562.

Respectfully submitted,

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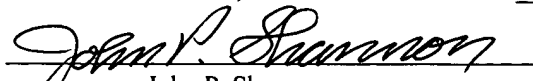
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